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Applicant(s):	Burke et al.	Docket No.	32277.0200
Filing Date	March 12, 1999	Group Art Unit:	3626
Serial No.:	09/267,176	Confirmation No.:	6675
Title:	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A UTILITY PROCESSING SYSTEM	Examiner:	Morgan, R. W.

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED  
APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)**

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Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby petition the Commissioner for revival of the above captioned patent application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). The above-identified application became deemed abandoned on December 16, 2003 for failure to file a Notice of Appeal in response to to a Final Office Action dated February 6, 2003. It is respectfully submitted that the delay in filing a response was wholly unintentional.

Petitioners submit that the entire delay in responding to the Final Office Action, until the filing of this Petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)(4) was unintentional. A Request for

Continued Examination ("RCE") is enclosed.

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## CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw abandonment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the petition fee in the amount of \$665.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m) and the RCE fee in the amount of \$385.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §117(e) (totaling \$1,050.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees required for the filing of this Petition and RCE, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, **for which purpose a duplicate copy of this Petition is also enclosed. This statement does NOT authorize charge of the Issue Fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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